

XII.—On a new Species of Polyplectron.

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(Plate V.)

I PROPOSE to characterize an apparently new species of *Polyplectron* from Upper Burma under the name of

POLYPLECTRON HELENÆ, sp. nov. (Plate V.)

Affinis *P. chinqui*, sed plumarum ocellis magis violaceis, haud fulvo circumdatis, fascia superiore et altera inferiore albis præditis, caudæ ocellis minoribus et violaceo chalybeoque nitentibus, nec metallice viridibus fulvo circumdatis, distinguendus. Long. tot. 24", al. 8", caud. 12", tars. 3".

This new species comes nearest to *P. chinquis*, but is readily distinguishable from that Pheasant by striking characters. The ocelli on the back, scapulars, tertiaries, and upper wing-coverts are smaller and fewer in number. The ocelli are deep violet, shading into black at the edges, and are subquadrate, not round. Instead of being surrounded by a buff annular ring, each ocellus is bounded both above and below by a white band, the lower band also forming the tip of the feather.

The ocelli on the tail are smaller and of a deep violet, not of a metallic green. In the case of these, as with those on the back, there is no annular buff ring round them.

The white marks on the back and rump are smaller and triangular in shape, not quadrate or round, as is the case in *P. chinquis*. The chin, throat, and entire fore neck are white, whereas in the other species only the chin and throat are white.

A skin of this Peacock Pheasant, now in the British Museum, was sent to me some years ago by Colonel Lowndes, Political Resident at Bhamo, in Northern Burmah. It was probably procured on the hills which form the boundary between China and Burmah, and which are known by the name of the Kachyen Hills.

The known species of Peacock Pheasants are now seven in number, distributed as follows :—



J. G. Keulemans del.

H. Barnard imp.

POLYPLECTRON HELENE.

1. *Polyplectron chinquis*. Bhotan Doars, Assam, Sylhet, Cachar, Chittagong, Arrakan, Tenasserim, and Lower Burmah.
2. *Polyplectron bicalcaratum*. Malay peninsula, Sumatra.
3. *Polyplectron germaini*. Cochin China.
4. *Polyplectron helenæ*. Upper Burmah.
5. *Polyplectron schleiermacheri*. Interior of Borneo.
6. *Polyplectron chalcurum*. Sumatra.
7. *Polyplectron napoleonis*. Palawan, Philippines. (Cf. Tweeddale, P. Z. S. 1878, p. 623).

XIII.—*Descriptions of three new Species of Birds from Bahia, Brazil.* By HANS VON BERLEPSCH.

†1. *ELAINEA TACZANOWSKII*, sp. nov.

E. supra pallide grisea, notæo olivaceo tineto; pilei plumis mediis cristatis, ad basin albis et pallido flavo mixtis; loris et superciliis indistinctis albescentibus; subtus alba, pectore leviter griseo perfuso; alis caudaque brunneis, remigum primariorum et secundariorum marginibus externis flavescenti-albis, tertiariis et tectricibus alarum superioribus latius et purius albo extus marginatis; tectricibus alarum inferioribus et rectricum marginibus interioribus flavescenti-albis; rectricibus olivascente griseo extus marginatis; subcaudalibus albis; rostro pedibusque corneis, mandibulæ basi pallida. Long. tota 116, al. $61\frac{1}{2}$, caud. $54\frac{1}{2}$, rostr. $9\frac{1}{2}$, tars. $16\frac{3}{4}$ millim.

Hab. Bahia, Brasilia. [Two specimens examined: one is still in my collection (No. 5633); the other I have sent to the Warsaw Museum. Both are of the peculiar make common to all Bahia skins, and were selected by me from a large lot received by Mr. Ashmead of London.]

Obs. *E. cinereæ*, Pelzeln (Orn. Bras. p. 108, ex Marabitanas) forsan proxima, hæc nova species differt dorso olivaceo perfuso, albedine cristæ flavo mixta, marginibus alarum flavescentioribus necnon rostro multo graciliore. *E. canicipiti*, Swains., item affinis differt corpore supra non viridi, corpore subtus fere albo, necnon alis caudaque longioribus.

I have dedicated this new species to Dr. L. Taczanowski, Director of the Warsaw Museum, well known to those who